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SUBJECT: FOCK'S VISIT TO MOSCOW

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1. PREMIER FOCK, DEPUTY PREMIER VALYI AND CHIEF OF STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE GYORGY LAZAR RETURNED TO BUDAPEST EVENING AUGUST 17 AFTER 24 HOUR VISIT TO MOSCOW FOR TALKS WITH KOSYGIN. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE LEADERS DISCUSSED "MANY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS CONCERNING HUNGARIAN SOVIET COOPERATION DURING COURSE OF 1976-80 FIVE YEAR PLAN" AND AGREED THAT "APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT BODIES ON BOTH SIDES WILL WORK OUT MEASURES FOR BROADENING AND FURTHER PERFECTING MULTILATERAL COOPERATION." BRIEF COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED THAT THESE MEASURES WOULD HELP TO PERMIT REALIZATION OF DECISIONS RECENTLY TAKEN AT CRIMEAN PARTY SUMMIT AND WOULD INSURE CLOSER ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

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AMONG SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

2. ALTHOUGH COMPOSITION OF HUNGARIAN DELEGATION CLEAR INDICATION THAT ECONOMIC THEMES PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS OF CONVERSATION, THIS TIME FOCK, UPON RETURN TO BUDAPEST, MADE NONE OF THOSE STRAIGHTFORWARD REMARKS AS ON OCCASION OF PREVIOUS RETURN FROM MOSCOW TO PROVIDE FURTHER INSIGHTS INTO PRECISE NATURE OF PROBLEMS DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, WE FIND IT QUITE INTERESTING THAT VISIT FOLLOWS SO QUICKLY ON HEELS OF FOCK'S RECENT TRIP TO WARSAW AND THAT POLES ALSO JOURNEYED TO MOSCOW AT ROUGHLY SAME TIME, A FACT WHICH HAS RECEIVED ABSOLUTELY NO MENTION IN LOCAL PRESS (REF B). TRIP, WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN HASTILY PLANNED AND STRANGELY TIMED FOR FRIDAY PRIOR TO THREE-DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND (FOCK HAD SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN ESZTERGOM AUG 19), QUITE LIKELY RESULT OF MOSCOW'S DESIRE TO KNOW PRECISELY WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AT LAST WEEK'S HUNGARIAN-POLISH SESSIONS. SEEMS TO US NOT TO SUBTLE HINT THAT IN FUTURE SOVIETS WILL KEEP CLOSER EYE ON BLOOMING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BUDAPEST AND WARSAW.MUDD

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